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### Campaign in Egypt against mosquitoes.

A statement made on his return from Egypt by Professor Boyce before a company of merchants and scientists at London a few days ago is of interest in showing the efficacy of modern scientific measures against mosquitoes. Professor Boyce said that up to September, 1902, there were about 2,000 cases of malaria annually in a population of 9,000 people, of whom 2,000 were Europeans. At an expense of about £4,400 irrigating channels were dug, stagnant waters drained, and petroleum brigades set to work. As a result a reduction of 90 per cent in the number of cases of malaria has taken place, and the working people in the European quarter can now sleep in any of the houses without mosquito nets, a practice that was quite impossible previous to the antimosquito campaign.

### Bubonic plague in Mauritius.

A telegram from the governor of Mauritius states that during the week ended February 25, 1904, there were 3 fresh cases of bubonic plague in the island, with 2 deaths.

#### JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox imported from Vladivostok.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, February 26 and March 3, as follows:

During the week ended February 20, 1904, four steamers, having a

total personnel of 294 crew and 9 passengers, were inspected.

Reports believed to be authoritative state that on February 23, 2 cases of smallpox had occurred in Nagasaki Ken in the persons of two Japanese recently returned from Vladivostok. Fifteen cases of smallpox are reported also from Amakusa (Kumamoto Ken), which evidently have been contracted from Vladivostok refugees.

Plague cases in Formosa are reported as follows: On February 20, in Taipeh, 1 death; Ensui, 2 deaths; on February 21, in Taipeh, fresh cases 1, deaths 3; Keelung, fresh cases 1, deaths 1; Tainan, fresh

cases 2. deaths 2.

Keelung, one of the places above mentioned, is the principal port of the Island of Formosa, and is occasionally made a port of call by certain trans-Pacific liners.

Week ended February 27—Smallpox reported on British steamer Kwang Ping from Tsin-hwan-tao.

During the week ended February 27, 1904, 5 vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 840 crew and 1,236 passengers, were inspected; 367 steerage passengers were bathed and 557 pieces of baggage were disinfected. The hold of 1 vessel was fumigated with sulphur dioxide for the purpose of killing rats.

The official report of infectious diseases in Yokohama for the week ended February 20 is as follows: Enteric fever, 4 cases, 1 death; diphtheria, 5 cases, 1 death; dysentery, 1 case, 0 death. Same for week

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ended February 27: Enteric fever, 7 cases, 5 deaths; diphtheria, 7

cases, 4 deaths.

It is reported that a case of smallpox appeared on board the British steamer Kwang Ping, which arrived at Nagasaki on February 27 from Tsin-hwan-tao, bringing Japanese refugees.

### Immigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of immigrants per steamship Shawmut, for Tacoma, recom-

mended March 3 for rejection, 11.

Number of immigrants per steamship Siberia, recommended, February 24, for rejection: For Honolulu, 6; for San Francisco, 10. Tentative diagnosis in 1 case. Advised to postpone sailing.

#### PANAMA.

### Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels.

Surgeon Perry reports, March 14, as follows:

Week ended March 12, 1904: U. S. S. Dixie for Philadelphia, March 6, with 250 crew and one batallion of Marines (400); American schooner Anna M. Stammer for Pascagoula, Miss., March 7, with 9 crew and no passes; American steamship Seguranca for New York, March 8, with 66 crew and 17 passengers; British steamship Antillian for New Orleans, March 9, with 55 crew and 36 passengers; Spanish steamship Montserrat for Ponce, Porto Rico, March 12, with 91 crew and 66 passengers.

All vessels except the U. S. S. Dixie were inspected and departed

in good sanitary condition.

 $Report\ from\ city\ of\ Panama-Inspection\ of\ vessels-Mortality\ statistics.$ 

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, March 14, as follows:

Week ended March 13, 1904. One vessel cleared for San Francisco on March 9, having on board 62 officers and crew, 11 cabin passengers,

and 9 steerage passengers, all well.

There were 31 deaths from all causes. Although this is the dry season there have been two very heavy rains during the week, which has added greatly to the comfort of the people by settling the dust of the streets.

## Mortality, week ended March 13, 1904.

Phthisis	2	Scurvy 1
		Beriberi 1
		Liver disease 1
Dysentery	$^{2}$	Suicide
		Colic
Debility	1	Parturition
Tuberculosis	8	Stillbirth 1
Croup	1	

Many of the diagnoses are unscientific and doubtful, but are copied from the official records. During the first thirteen days of this month, March, 1904, there have occurred 62 deaths in a population estimated at 18,000.